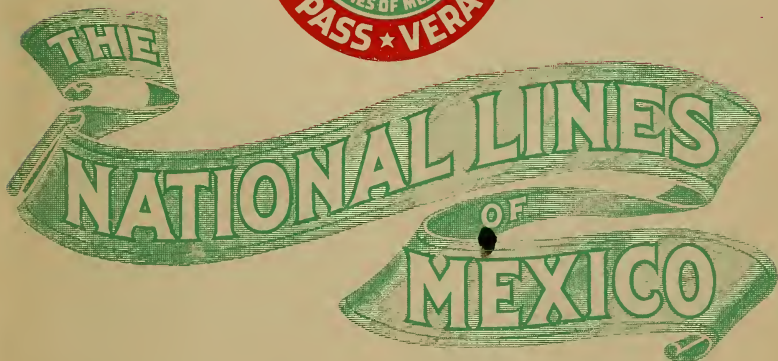


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The Castle of Chapultepec,
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On this site has been maintained the residences of the
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Child of Rebellions!

THE two changeless guardians, Popocatepetl and Ixtacihuatl, on whose summits glisten the never-melting snows, have stood in silence and kept watch over the splendid valley lying beneath them in changing lines of gleaming lakes and growing fields and flowering gardens. They have seen the dark cloud of Conquest roll up from the sea to the south, and the red flame of invasion sweep down from the north; they have seen the gathering of the clans from the highlands towards the Great River and from the jungle country towards the sea, and the foreign legions fold their banners and go back to their ships in the south and back to their land in the north; and with the patience that belongs to the changeless spirits, they have waited.



IXTACCIHUATL.

Behold their reward ! A country wherein each day seems yet more pleasant than the last ; where every stream that drives its noisy way down some tall mountain side and loiters cross the levels to the lakes, sings but one song—the song of rest and peace ; where every growing field gives back ten times the labor that it takes ; where mountains yield their riches to the skillful hands ; where songs of birds and perfume of the flowers creep by on every passing breeze, and where a strong and self-reliant people live their national life of steady growth, and stretch a friendly hand to every stranger in their land.

PLEASURE. Are you in a hurry ? Forget it ! Come to Mexico where every cross of unhewn stone built on some mound tells well a story of patient faith, where every street has some old legend fit to pass the hours, where every palace has its tale of good and evil deeds in empire-making, where everyone remembers that to-morrow is given in which to finish what is left undone to-day, and where the pleasures of to-day are worth as much or more than those vain dreams you strive for year by year.

WEALTH. Its in the mountains in veins of gold and silver and lead and copper, and in the lowlands in coal and oil; or, its in cattle feeding on the upland plains where the gramma and the cacti grow, or browsing in the shade of palms where the tall para grass leans toward the land when the sea breeze blows; or, its in wide forests of tall pines or woods of deeper hue; or, in the coffee tree or rubber tree, or fruits, or grain—the choice is left to him who seeks the wealth.

HEALTH. It's true death comes in Mexico. But no one seems to mind it much. Besides it was probably the fault of the man who went away, because if he found the altitude too low, in four hours he could have been twice as high, or if it was too high, in the same time he could get twice as low; or, if the air was too dry, in a night's time he could get the proper moisture, or if it was too cold he could get the proper warmth in a day, for between the long water line that separates Mexico from the United States and the line of steel that crosses Tehuantepec, there is a perfect climate of every class that health could demand, so probably the man who went away had only himself to blame.



GOLF LINKS—NEAR MEXICO CITY.



FALLS OF ZARANAGUA.

The National Lines of Mexico

The National Railroad Company of Mexico.

The Mexican International Railroad Company.

The Interoceanic Railway Company of Mexico.

Mexico is not solely a dream-land, nor are her people and statesmen mere dreamers—in spite of the fact that they are not in a hurry.

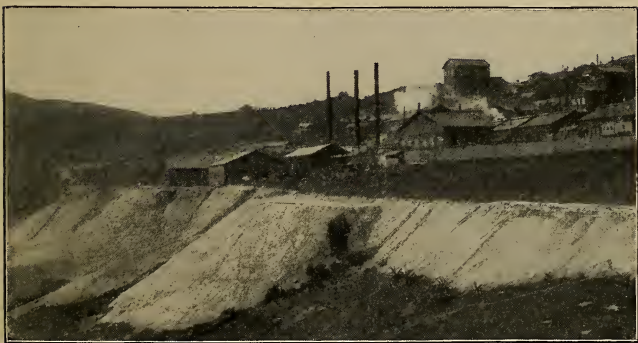
As a practical business proposition, the income from which is expected within ten years to pay the expenses of administration of the affairs of the Republic, control of over 3300 miles of railroad through the richest portions of the Republic has been acquired by the Government under direction of its able financier, Mr. Limantour. It is seldom indeed that opportunity for such a combination of physical advantages is found in any property, and the judgment and skill shown in effecting the combination are additional evidences of the unusual ability of one of the most wonderful of modern financiers.



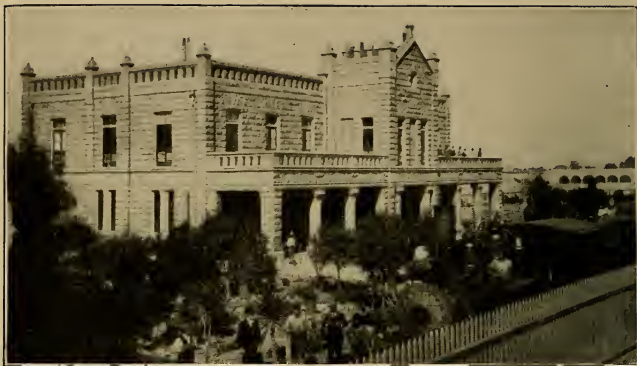
VIEW OF VALLEY.

THE NATIONAL RAILROAD OF MEXICO.

Entering the Republic at Laredo, it is the great short line between the United States and Mexico. By way of Monterey and San Luis Potosi it passes through a territory productive of cotton, grain, fruits, vegetables and rich in ores. Monterey, the great smelting center of the Republic, is of particular interest as showing the height of development which mining and smelting have reached in Mexico



EL ORO MINES.



RAILROAD STATION, SAN LUIS POTOSÍ.

in the last fifteen years, and many Americans have found it not only a place to improve their fortunes, but a place to live pleasantly as well. The line of the National has been made standard guage, and every convenience for quick and safe transportation and comfort to the traveler is now provided. The territory along this line offers special inducements to those interested in manufacturing and agriculture. There are numberless streams which will furnish power for



BRIDGE OVER RIO GRANDE.

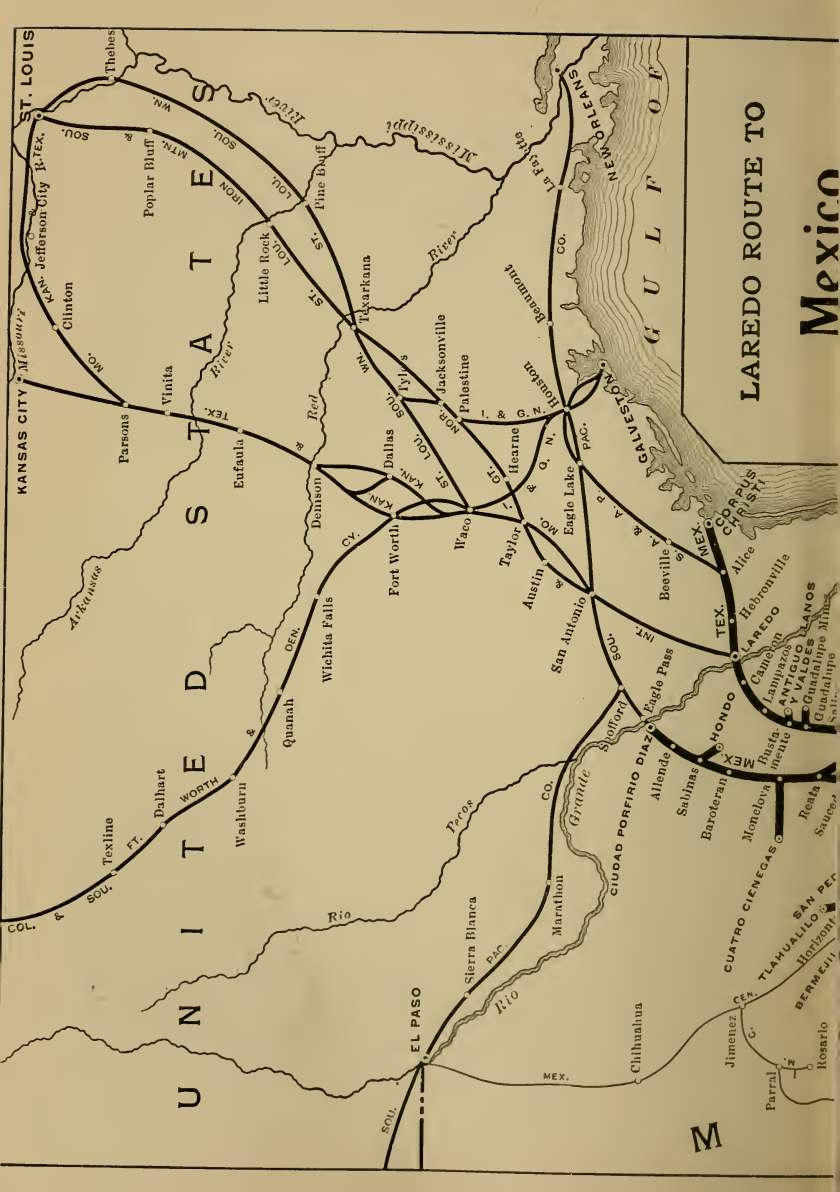


SADDLE MOUNTAIN, MONTEREY.

manufacturing purposes at small cost, and at the same time furnish water for irrigation where it is necessary. The traffic records of this line show a constantly increasing tonnage of wheat, corn, barley and other cereals, as well as frijol, the staple food article for the laboring class of the Republic. Along this line also are located immense fields of maguey from which comes a large part of the supply of pulque, the native drink.



VALLEY OF MEXICO.



LAREDO ROUTE TO

Mexico

St. Louis to Mexico City

VIA

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HOTEL RICHELIEU, DURANGO.

THE MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD.

From Eagle Pass, Texas, the main line of this road extends to Durango, capital of the State of Durango, and will ultimately be extended to the Pacific coast at Mazatlan, which will thus give a short line for trade with the Far East from southern States. The International has the valuable physical quality of being almost entirely an ore road. From the very border of the Republic it enters



IRON MOUNTAIN AND ROLLING MILL DURANGO.



HONDO COAL MINES, SABINAS.

the immense coal fields of the southern part of the State of Coahuila, and furnishes the outlet for the coal and coke from the famous coal fields of the Mexican Coal & Coke Company, of Las Esperanzas.

This road controls a number of coal mines, the property of allied companies, but is mining only for its own use and that of associated lines, leaving the commercial coal market to independent operators. As a result of



CATTLE SOLEDAD ESTATE, SABINAS.



HARVESTING WHEAT—CUATRO CIENEGAS BRANCH.

this liberal policy many new coal properties are now being opened and will soon be in operation. The coal industry is destined to become one of the most important in the Republic, and, as the fields in the territory along the International are apparently inexhaustible, this road must of necessity prove of great value, not only in the development of the States through which it passes, but also of industries of every class throughout the Republic.



COTTON MILLS MONCLOVA.



SMEALTER AT TORREON.

The western end of the line from Torreón to Durango is through a country rich in mines of gold, silver, copper and lead, and the numerous branches built out from the main line also reach mining districts. From the territory immediately around Durango, in addition to the thousands of tons of ore shipped annually, is sent out a large part of the supply of mining timbers for the Republic.

Along the line, too, are some of the most extensive cattle ranches in the Republic, where special attention has been given to improving the native stock.



PASTURES ON CATTLE RANCH.



PUEBLA—THE CITY OF CHURCHES.

THE INTEROCEANIC RAILWAY OF MEXICO.

It was a happy thought that caused the building of the line which unites Mexico City with Puebla, the "City of the Churches," and with Jalapa, "The Beautiful," and Vera Cruz, the chief port of entry of the Republic. The territory of this road, after it leaves the Valley of Mexico, is tropical in its nature and products.



A TROPICAL GARDEN.



JALAPA—THE BEAUTIFUL.

Vegetables, fruits, coffee, sugar cane, cocoa, jalap, rubber and all the products of the tropics come over this line to Mexico City, or go to Vera Cruz for export. Of recent years it has been found that a large portion of the territory between Puebla and Vera Cruz is well suited for cattle grazing, and, as a consequence, many new ventures of that kind have been undertaken.



COFFEE GROVE, JALAPA.

With the confidence that a stable and favorable administration inspires, men of capital are coming from Germany, from Spain, from England, from Africa, and especially from the United States, and investing their money, not in shares and stocks of some uncertain corporation or company, but in the things whose value has been proved, in the things that they know, having been put into the earth the earth will give them back with many times the interest of less fertile lands.

The combination of these roads under one management with the title of "The National Lines of Mexico," has thus united the interests of three great, distinct and equally valuable sections of the Republic, the National covering the grain belt, the International giving service to the mineral district, and the Interoceanic carrying the products of the tropical country, and has made the development of the entire Republic one common object, and will have the result of enabling them to provide greater facilities and afford better opportunities to those who may be seeking pleasure, health or wealth.

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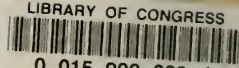
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